

**JACKSON, MISS.**  
**BAD WEATHER FOR THE OPENING DAY OF THE DRILL.**  
**A Fair Crowd and the Programme Carried Out--The Contests for Today--Rail News.**

**SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.**  
JACKSON, Miss., October 13.—The weather was unfavorable to the opening of the drill today, it being cloudy and threatening rain all the morning and raining in the afternoon. Notwithstanding the bad weather fully 500 persons were in attendance at 1 o'clock the Crystal Springs Videttes reported to the residence of the Rev. Dr. Hunter and presented their colors to their sponsor, Miss Lida Terrell, and her maid of honor, Misses Dora Dudley and Lily Wilkerson, all of Crystal Springs. At the same hour the like ceremony was performed by the Mississippi Guards at the Washington House, Miss Mary Wolfe, of Jackson, being the sponsor, and Misses Lula Goldsmith, Lida Gary and Daisy Williams, of Meridian, and Misses Myra Bailey, Emma Bailey and Lida Lett, of Hunter, maids of honor. At 2 o'clock p.m. the competitive maiden drill commenced, the Crystal Springs Videttes and the Mississippi Guards being the only contestants, the former drawing first for the drill. The programme was short, the time allowed for its execution, including the inspection, being thirty-five minutes. The Videttes presented a fine appearance as they marched on the field, and were loudly cheered. Their inspection was good, and their execution of the manual very good. Their drill movements were not so good. Take it all in all, their drilling was remarkably good considering the age of the company, it only having been organized two months, and the team only having had twenty drills of instruction. The Mississippi Guards, on the other hand, with a fine bearing, amid the cheers of their friends, their inspection was good; their execution of the manual was very fine. The general impression prevails that they will win the first prize, though the Videttes excelled them in the manual. Both drills were very creditable indeed for maiden companies.

Some interesting racing followed the drill.  
**First Race.**—Trotting, in harness, three quarters of a mile, best two in three, purse \$75, \$50 to first and \$25 to second. Entries: Selim, by G. W. Ferguson; Lotta, by John Hansberry; Trouble, by A. L. Branson. Result: Trouble, 1, 2, 1; Lotta, 2, 1, 2; Selim, 3, 3, 3. Time—2:14, 2:18, 2:24.  
**Second Race.**—Running, one-quarter of a mile dash, purse \$75; \$50 to first and \$25 to second horse. Entries: Red Boy, Netty Brakeman, Red Pullet and Sam. Result: Red Pullet first, Sam second, Netty Brakeman third, Red Boy fourth. Time—0:25.  
The grand drill for the best Mississippi company will come off tomorrow. First prize, \$1000; second, \$500. The contestants are the Vicksburg Southrons, Mississippi Guards and the Capital Light Guards. The Vicksburg Southrons arrived at 10:30 a.m. and the Capital Light Guards at 11:30 a.m. and the Vicksburg Southrons. Both are first-class companies, and much is expected from each.  
A bicycle race and five running and trotting races are on tomorrow's programme.

A telegram was received here today, dated at Macon, Miss., from W. D. Crane, of the Crane-Barnes syndicate, who have undertaken the extension of the Little J. railroad, stating that he is meeting with great success and that he knows no such word as fail, as he has Mississippi gentlemen to sustain his efforts. He passed through here yesterday, looking after the interests of the road. He is a live man, and will accomplish what he undertakes.

**LITERARY NOTES.**

PROBABLY no American woman living has seen more of the men and the events that have made history during the present century than Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont. Her new book, *Souvenirs of My Time*, in press with D. Lothrop & Co., is sure to take a permanent place in the literature of "memoirs" and "recollections."  
ELIZABETH P. FRANKLIN, who is one of the best known and best loved of Boston women, has prepared a volume of essays and reminiscences, and D. Lothrop & Co. have published them in an attractive volume under the title of *Last Evening With Alton*, and *Other Papers*. Each of her numerous friends will want to possess the volume.  
THE KANSAS MAGAZINE, a magazine published by the company of that name, is a most creditable publication and ought to be encouraged by the people of the West and Northwest. The articles, short stories and poetry, are all excellent and the editorial department is full of timely topics. The "Woman's Kingdom" is a department that will commend this magazine to the gentler sex. Order it of Mansford on Main street.

POCAHONTAS will be the subject of a most important and interesting historical article of fifteen pages in the November *Wide Awake*, by Mrs. Raymond Blackwell, of England. This notable article gives many hitherto unpublished facts, numerous illustrations from photographs and drawings of mementos of the Princess still in existence, and a fine full page engraving of a painting of Pocahontas and her little son, Thomas Rolfe, now in Henshaw Hall, Henshaw, England, and which has never before been engraved.

PUBLIC OPINION, of Washington, D. C., has just completed its first volume, the last number being supplemented with a most exhaustive index. The publishers announced at the beginning that the paper would contain each week the opinions of all the leading papers of the country on every important topic. They have fulfilled their promise to the letter, and *Public Opinion* has come to be almost a necessity to a person who wishes to catch the drift of current thought as presented by the press of the world.

ONE of the most interesting and useful pages that has ever appeared in that most useful of magazines, *The Decorator and Furnisher* is that in the October issue, giving a number of designs for small pieces of furniture, such as brackets, sconces, book racks and the like. Every article shown in the page is novel and practical. There is likewise a full page of Arabic borders and panels that will be of great value to artists and wood carvers. The latest importations in vases are illustrated and described in an appropriate

article. Some new English patterns in wall papers are shown, together with good sensible directions for the selection of papers.  
The October number of *The Decorator and Furnisher* gives a corner of a room furnished by Louis C. Tiffany, which is very atractive, as is also a design for economical parlor furniture. A continuation of the series on "Church Decoration" is given, an article telling prices and styles of new carpets, and some excellent furniture sketched from the South Kensington Museum. An interior of a colonial house at New London is pleasing. There is a colored plate of the famous America worth of preservation. The department devoted to showing the new things in the trade, furniture, stoves, etc., is especially complete and valuable. Order of Mansford, on Main street.

In the department of book talk in *Lippincott's* the editor states what is undeniably true, that magazine editors are beginning to weary of the serial reading of fiction. They are too hurried, too busy, they read too much and forget too easily to care to have their fiction doled out in monthly portions. They do not wish to have a bulky volume, but they like to have the option of finishing what they read at a single sitting. The novel itself is shrinking in size before the demands of the age. The bulky novel of the past generation is being superseded in popularity by the novelette. Ten years ago the bravest of publishers would hesitate before touching a volume of short stories. Today there are nearly a score of writers who short stories collected in book form are published with every issue of the times have persuaded the managers of *Lippincott's Magazine* that the time is now ripe for a radical change in the method of publishing fiction in periodicals. Instead of giving novels in sections a complete novel, of a popular character, will be published with every issue of the magazine, the series commencing in the November number with "Bretton's Bayou," a charming story by John Habberton. Julian Hawthorne, Frances Hodgson Burnett, Mrs. Lucy C. Lillie, Edgar Fawcett and others will follow.

This current number of *American Art*, the new Boston monthly art magazine, published October 9th, proves to be exceedingly interesting. The magazine numbers among its contributors many of the leading art writers and artists of the country, and among those who will appear in the October number are Mr. Wm. Howe Downes, art critic of the *Boston Advertiser*; Mr. Caryl Coleman, Mr. Frank T. Robinson, Mr. Charles DeKay, art critic of the *New York Times*; Mr. Sidney Dickinson, art critic and lecturer; Mr. W. H. Ranger, Mr. Lyman H. Weeks, art critic of the *Boston Post*; Mr. Alfred Trumble, Mr. Louis Wertheim and others, who will all treat of art topics of general interest. Illustrations will be a feature of the number. These will include an etching by Mr. A. H. Folsom, a drawing by Mr. J. H. Wheeler, a full page drawing of a Japanese house and garden by a native Japanese artist, now resident in Boston, a supplemental plate on heavy paper, showing a beautiful mosaic glass window design, numerous smaller drawings and a provision of charming head and tail pieces, ornamental letters and page borders; space will also be given to the usual editorial, studio gossip, home decorations and industrial art notes. A single number of the magazine will be sent to any subscriber for 25 cents, four months for \$1 and one year for \$2.50. American Art Publishing Company, Studio Building, 110 Tremont street, Boston, Mass. Order through Mansford, on Main street.

**A REMARKABLE CLIFF.**

**PROF. IDDINGS, OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

Gives an Elaborate Description of a Rock Formation in Yellowstone Park.

WASHINGTON, October 13.—Among the scientific papers which will appear in the appendix of one of the forthcoming reports of the geological survey is one by Prof. Joseph P. Iddings upon an oblique cliff of Yellowstone Park. This cliff is an elevation half a mile long, by from 150 to 200 feet high, the material of which, Prof. Iddings says, is as good a glass as any artificially manufactured. Its color and structure not only make it highly interesting to the visitor, but furnishes to the scientific investigator phenomena of importance. The cliff presents a partial section of a surface flow of obsidian which poured down an ancient slope from the plateau lying east. It is impossible to determine what the original thickness of this flow may have been. The dense glass which now forms the lower portion is from twenty-five to 100 feet thick, while the porous and pumiceous upper portion has suffered from ages of erosion and glacial action. A remarkable feature of the cliff is that of the development of prismatic columns of glass. These are of shining black obsidian rising from the talus slope and are from fifty to sixty feet in height, with diameters varying from two to four feet. The color of the material of this cliff for the most part jet black, but much of it is mottled and streaked with bright brownish red and various shades of brown from dark to light yellowish, purplish and olive green. The brilliant luster of the rock, and the strong contrasts of color with the black are very striking. In places the glass in the process of cooling has been broken into small angular pieces which have been cemented by the later flow, producing many colored and beautiful breccia. In some places the material shows a distinct luster, while in others a deep golden sheen, which, under the lens, resolves itself into thin beams of red and yellow light. Through the black and red glass are scattered dull bluish gray patches and bands, and round gray and pink masses, the effect of which is to still further vary the appearance and beauty of the rock and make it the most conspicuous and characteristic variety of volcanic lava known.

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**PARKER, OF DYER COUNTY, MAKES ANSWER TO CAPT. H. L. FOWLER.**

And Says, Like a True Democrat as He Is, That He Will Abide by the Majority.

To the Democrats of Dyer County.  
The Memphis *Appeal* of Sunday, October 10th, contains a proposition from Capt. H. L. Fowler, the independent candidate for Representative, to me asking that we submit our claims to a primary election of the Democrats of Dyer county to decide who shall remain on the track, the object of the offer being to avoid the danger of electing a Republican—Mr. Sinclair being the Republican nominee for the place.  
It seems a little strange that this proposition should have been submitted through the medium of a newspaper instead of to me in person, or to the Executive Committee of Dyer county. In declining the offer I will state a few reasons for doing so.  
First.—When the Executive Committee of Dyer county met in August the chief item of business before it was the method of selecting delegates to the Congressional Convention, delegates to the Senatorial and Flutelar Convention, and the selection of parties who would be the primary election of Representative. The committee was composed of J. W. Lauderdale, chairman; M. M. Marshall, secretary; A. B. Haskins, A. G. Harris, J. H. Hall, D. E. Parker and H. L. Fowler. The question was submitted by the chairman, whether the plan should be primary elections or conventions. This question was prompted by the chairman's knowledge that some portions of the county desired primary elections; in fact he stated to the committee that he had been requested by parties who desired to bring it up before the committee. Capt. Fowler, among others, spoke against primary elections, and the committee, after deliberating, decided unanimously to call district conventions on August 25th and a county convention on September 1st, which would be regularly made. In the incipency of my race I expressed myself as being willing to make the race before the Democracy under either plan. When the action of the Executive Committee was made known by publication I announced my intention to support the action of the Democratic Convention then called. Capt. Fowler also announced subject to a Democratic Convention, and thus we, with others, made the race. When Capt. Fowler found his nomination was doubtful he refused to go before the convention he had called. Now it seems rather inconsistent and late in the day for him to demand what he, as a member of the Executive Committee, two months ago refused to others who were asking for a primary election; seems a very much like assuming to dictate to the Democracy by saying after he has tried one system of organization and is not successful, that another must be immediately instituted for his benefit. What assurance have I that he would abide the action of a primary election when he would not abide by his own convention?

Second.—He claims that my followers are not Democrats; I maintain that they are. So we could not agree to the terms of the election, and if I should beat him the same cry of "unfair" would arise.

Third.—It would be treating with contempt the Democratic party which nominated me thus to abandon my nomination at the request of an independent candidate.

Fourth.—If I were to accept the offer and defeat Capt. Fowler in a primary election, how many other demands would there be to make the same kind of race between this and November 24th? And if I accept this offer, how can I refuse a similar demand from any other person?

Fifth.—I am not responsible for Sinclair's nomination, but Capt. Fowler in his race is responsible for the danger of Sinclair's election, and the blame is upon him. This offer is only an effort on his part to clear his skirts of the just censure that would be against him in the event of the election of John Sinclair.

Sixth.—I am the regular Democratic nominee of the regular Democratic County Convention, and I cannot afford to thus trifle with the Democracy of Dyer county. Capt. Fowler admitted the regularity of the convention when he said he would run if Mr. A. G. Harris or Justice John E. McCorkle either was nominated, but would run if John Parker should be nominated," which plainly shows that but for a personal feeling against me he would not have made the independent race, and that he would not respect himself if he had not run to honor this whim of his. If Bob Taylor or any other nominee of any convention within the State should resort to a primary election race with any of the defeated aspirants, he would thereby forfeit the confidence and respect of the party.

Seventh.—No one man can be heard to say whether the action of a convention is exactly right, since it is hard to suit all parties in any convention, especially one who had announced his independent race an hour before the convention met. My Democracy teaches me that the will of the majority is the index. I rely upon the nomination of the Democracy of Dyer county, in regular, legal and delegated convention assembled, and that, too, the largest and most thoroughly representative one ever held in the county, and that, too, a creature of H. L. Fowler's own making.

Eighth.—Taking into consideration the fact that H. L. Fowler never announced his candidacy until on the day that the district conventions were held, and that it was not known positively in more than two or three districts, at the time of holding the district conventions, that he was a candidate, therefore he of all men in the race for the nomination had the least cause to complain that he was not the nominee, even if he had not run to submit his claims. Hence his offer deserves no more consideration than that of any other man who had never announced himself in the race. For the above reasons and many others I shall undoubtedly continue the race as the Democratic nominee until the election.

J. N. PARKER.  
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